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In the application of:

Gilles H. TAPOLSKY and David W. OSBORNE

Serial No.: 09/069,703

Filing Date: April 29, 1998

For: PHARMACEUTICAL CARRIER

DEVICE SUITABLE FOR DELIVERY

OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS TO MUCOSAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2000 for which a response was due on August 2, 2000 and for which a two-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from August 2, 2000 to October 2, 2000.

Please amend the application as follows: